



Robert Rankin Chapter #62
Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution
The Rankin Register



January, 2021



Robert Rankin President
Bruce McMordie

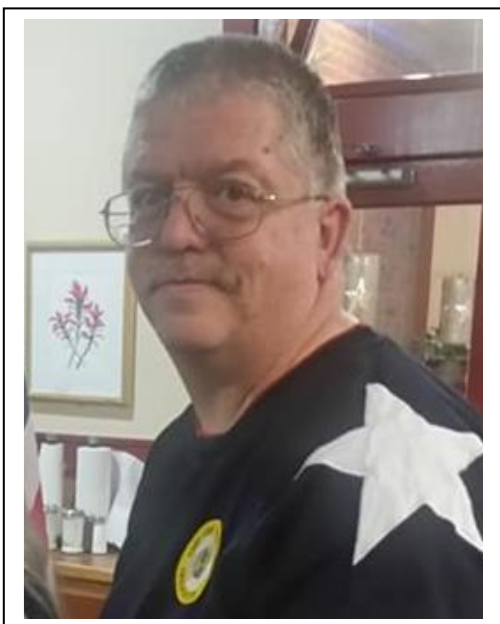
Message from the President

My second year as Chapter President is drawing to a close. We broke with tradition in our January meeting and not only did we propose a slate of officers, we also elected them. I am pleased to state that Michael Bierman will be our new Chapter President and his supporting officers are shown on this page.

I have just been notified by Compatriot Tom Jackson that the Robert Rankin Chapter has been named Outstanding Chapter in Group 2 (with members up to and including 39) and also earned the Americanism Award. This goes hand-in-hand with our being named Outstanding Small Chapter Nationally. We may be small, but we are mighty! This will probably be our last year to be in this category as the number of new members is exceeding the number of drops.

Officer Positions

President: Michael Bierman
Vice-President: Jerry Clanton
Secretary: Chris Courter
Treasurer: Harry Woodstrom
Historian: Allen Greene & Tom Jackson
Registrar: Tom Jackson
Ass't. Registrar: Jerry Clanton
Genealogist: Jack Muggli
Sgt. At Arms: Jerry Clanton
Chaplain: Alex Thorne



Incoming Robert Rankin
President Michael Bierman



Robert Rankin Treasurer Alex Thorne presents the Treasurer's report.

January Meeting

This is a hybrid meeting and President Bruce McMordie tries to use the camera so that the folks at home can see each of the individual speakers. The history lessons focus on the Newburg Conspiracy, which threatened the US president, Thomas Mifflin (I bet you never heard of him as our president!), the Vermont flag with 15 stars as presented by Michael Bierman. We had fun with 'What President are We Talking About' based in on the White House Historical Association established by Jacqueline Kennedy.

Treasurer's Report, Mar 1, 2020 – Dec 31, 2020

Beginning Balance		\$5,158
Dues	1,442	
Dinner Revenue	357	
Total Revenue		1,799
Expenses		
Youth Awards	100	
Certificates & Medals	368	
Dinner & Mtg expense	340	
Total Expenses		608
Ending Balance		\$6,349



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Robert Rankin Color Guard, Rankin Commander Allen Greene

We have an opportunity to attend the 240th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowan's Ford in North Carolina via Zoom. The North Carolina Society has invited us to register for a Zoom event on January 30, 2021 at

<https://www.txssar.org/cgi-bin/dada/mail.cgi/r/colorguard/435054935422/>

This event is RSVP only. This is a free event and will count as a National Event.

Color Guard Medals:

And Finally: This will be posted on our Private Site. How to earn and apply for Texas society and national color guard medals. Nothing has changed for how we earn the Texas medals. I have a large box of Galvez medals, so have your Chapter send me your application and I will mail you the hardware. Huzzah!

National color guard medal application allows a society to use either the event or point system. The Texas Color Guard will now use the point system in our application for national color guard medals. In addition to the recently added events you may also apply miles traveled points. That can add up in Texas. Please refer to to the national color guard manual on the requirements. I hope this will increase our applications for national bronze and silver medals.

Blair Rudy, Texas SAR Color Guard Commander: 2020-2022,



As of Sunday January 17 we are waiting for the Texas Society Officers to determine if the scheduled April 17 weekend state conference will be in person, virtual or a combination.

The Gainesville Medal of Honor Parade originally scheduled in April has been rescheduled for Saturday September 25, 2021.

Check out the January 2021 SAR Colorguardsman Magazine at SAR.org for a complete list of National Color Guard Events for 2021

Rankin Color Guard Commander Allen Greene

Wreaths Across America



Members from Robert Rankin joined in Wreaths Across America Saturday, December 19, 2020. In the top photo, Compatriots Michael Bierman (L) and Tom Jackson (R), along with Ginny Evans, lay wreaths at Woodlawn Funeral Home and Cemetery, in Houston, TX. President Bruce McMordie (bottom left) and Compatriot Harry Woodstrom (bottom right) participate at Magnolia Cemetery in Katy, Texas.

MARCH 2021

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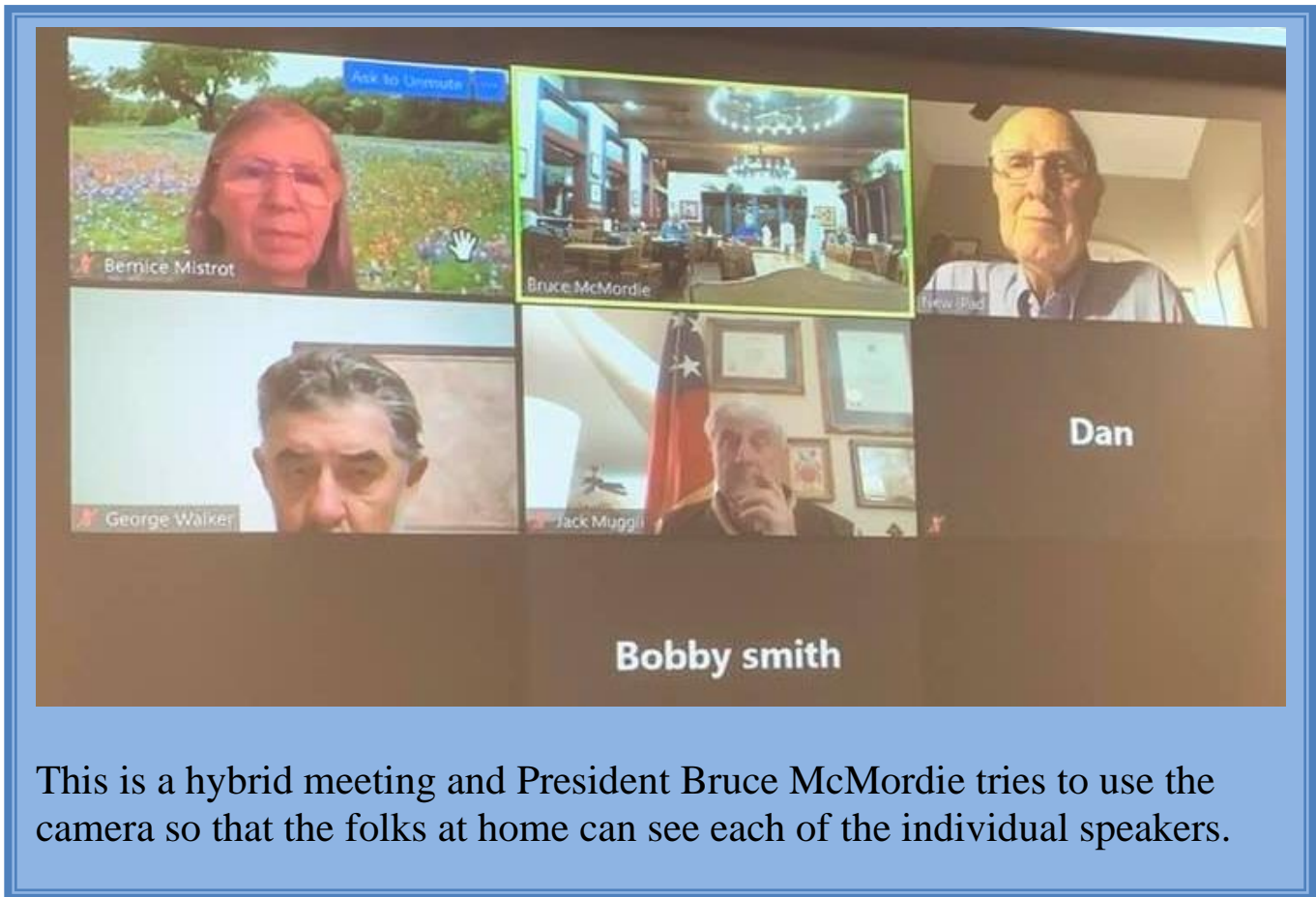
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Upcoming Events

- National Leadership (Zoom)** March 6
- Special Congress** March 13
- Texas SAR Convention** April 14
- Rankin Annual Meeting,**
Willow Fork Country Club March 10
- National Congress, Renton Washington** July 8

January meeting

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Robert Rankin, Texas SAR Spring Creek Barbecue January Highlights

- ❖ Nomination and election of 2021-2022 chapter officers
- ❖ Compatriot Michael Bierman spoke about the alteration of the Flag of the United States through the passing of Statute 1 by the Third Continental Congress
- ❖ Compatriot Tom Jackson gave two Historical Presentations – “Which President is this?” and a presentation on the Newburg Conspiracy
- ❖ Treasurer Alex Thorne gave the Treasurer Report
- ❖ Recognition Theron and Olga McLaren

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Allen Greene is in charge of pulling together a slate of officers and soliciting committee chairman for the incoming president.

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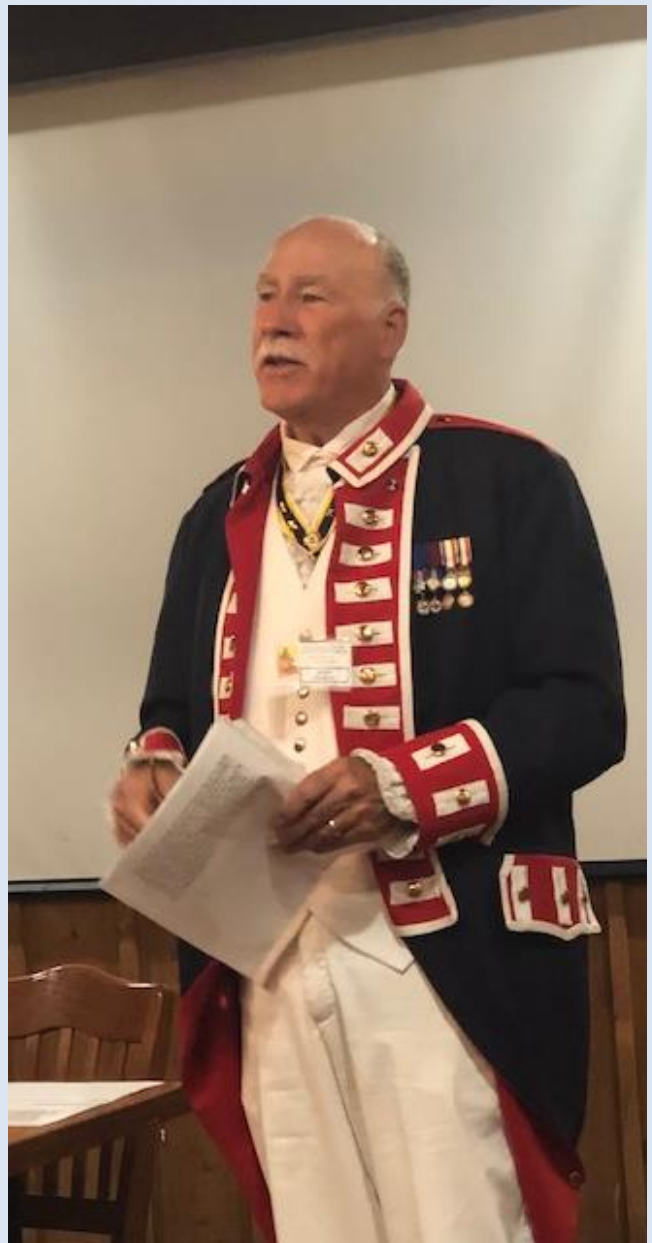
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Robert Rankin Chapter #62 SAR March 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020

BEGINNING BALANCE \$5,158.36

REVENUE

Dues	1,442.00
Conoco Philips Donation	0.00
Meeting Kitty Donations	17.00
Meeting / Dinner Revenue	340.00
Donations	0.00

Total Revenue 1,799.00

EXPENSES

Brochure Contest Awards	-100.00
Eagle Scout Contest	0.00
Essay Contest Awards	0.00
JROTC Award	0.00
Orations Contest Award	0.00
Poster Contest Award	0.00
TSCAR State Project donation	0.00
Certificates & Folders	228.00
Medals & Certificates	140.00
Meeting / Dinner Expense	339.66
Postage - Awards	0.00
Uniform / Tricorn hat	0.00
Supplies	0.00

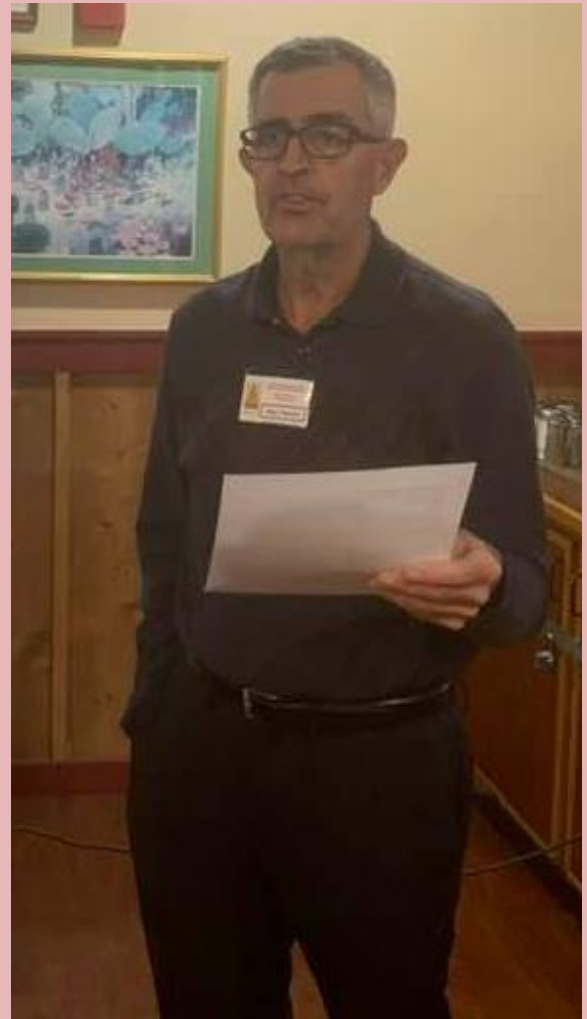
Total Expense 607.66

ENDING BALANCE \$6,349.70

Balance per Bank 12/31/20	\$6,349.70
Outstanding Checks	

Adjusted Balance \$6,349.70

Balance Per Book \$6,349.70



Treasurer Alex Thorne presents the Treasurer's report.

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Historical Presentations



Compatriot Michael Bierman (pictured above) spoke about The Flag Act of 1794 (1 Stat. 341), which was signed into law by President George Washington on January 13, 1794. It changed the design of the flag to accommodate the admission into the Union of the states of Vermont and Kentucky. It provided for fifteen stripes as well as fifteen stars. This would be the only official flag of the United States not to have thirteen stripes.

“An Act making an alteration in the Flag of the United States. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled, That from and after the first day of May, Anno Domini, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, the flag of the United States, be fifteen stripes alternate red and white. That the Union be fifteen stars, white in a blue field.”

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Historical Presentations



Compatriot Tom Jackson gives two historical presentations.

The Newburg Conspiracy

The Newburgh Conspiracy was an apparent planned military coup by the Continental Army in March 1783, at the end of the American Revolutionary War.

Fearing the Continental Congress would not pay them should a peace treaty end the hostilities of the American Revolution, a secret movement amongst the officers perpetuated rumors that they should march on Philadelphia or replace Washington with General Gates and usurp the Power of Congress.

Washington was eventually able to put the officers' fears to rest and the conspiracy was brought to an end.

Who am I?

We had fun with 'What President are We Talking About' based in on the White House Historical Association established by Jacqueline Kennedy with questions like –

Q – _____ staying up to all hours of the night in his last days in office in _____, commissioning _____ party members _____ throughout the land.

A – History has given us the image of a petulant **President John Adams** staying up to all hours of the night in his last days in office in **March 1801**, commissioning **Federalist** party members **as judges** throughout the land.

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At left, Captain Theron McLaren, a Rankin Compatriot, joined the SAR in 2009 while his wife Olga, a Lady Washington member, joined the DAR in 1958.

Olga has been highly supportive of the SAR throughout. Subsequently, the Rankin Chapter recognized their service at the January meeting by awarding the Military Service Medal to Theron and a Certificate of Appreciation for Olga.

Theron and Olga McLaren spent 2 years during the Vietnam Era, from 1960-1962, on the island of Crete, Greece as one of 40 U.S. Air Force Officers at Iraklion Air Force Base (Iraklion Air Station). The mission of the Base was to monitor the radio traffic of the Russian Bloc. The base personnel were the first to announce the catcher of Francis Gary Powers. Francis Gary Powers was piloting a U-2 spy plane at 70,000 feet when he lost power, descended and was shot down and captured.

Upon their arrival, there weren't sufficient housing trailers, so for 2 months they lived "on the economy" as they called it, as they rented an apartment above a family home. They made friends with the family and went to into the community with them where they learned about the Greek culture, lifestyle and even a little of the Greek language. Then, as part of the deal, they lived on base before acquiring their very own 40-foot trailer for the remainder of their stay.

The McLarens reminisce on these two years in Crete with fondness as they remember all of the wonderful people, travel and experiences that they shared there together.

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